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SUBJECT: STAG JOHN HUTCHINSON

1. SUMMARY: HUTCHINSON PROGRAM WAS INTENSIVE TWO-WEEK EFFORT AIMED AT LEADERS OF VIETNAMESE LABOR SECTOR, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND UNION LEADERS. HE PROVED TO KNOWLEDGEABLE AND ADAPTABLE LECTURER WHO ESTABLISHED GOOD RAPPORT WITH AUDIENCES. HUTCHINSON ALSO DID WELL IN PERSONAL CONTACTS WITH INDIVIDUAL LABOR LEADERS. THIS FIRST USIS VIET-NAM EFFORT IN THIS FIELD FOR MANY YEARS AND WE WELL SATISFIED BY RESULTS.END SUMMARY

2. THOUGH SUFFERING CONSIDERABLY FROM JET LAG, HUTCHINSON PLUNGED INTO SCHEDULED PROGRAM IMMEDIATELY. DURING FIRST WEEK OF VISIT, HE PAID FORMAL CALLS ON MINISTER OF LABOR AND PRESIDENT OF VIETNAMESE CONFEDERATION OF LABOR (CVT). HE ADDRESSED LARGE AUDIENCE OF LABOR LEADERS AND MINISTRY OFFICIALS AT MINISTRY OF LABOR ON ROLE OF LABOR IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND CONDUCTED DAY-LONG SEMINAR FOR SOME EIGHTY SENIOR CVT OFFICIALS AND ACADEMICS.

3. IN SECOND HALF OF PROGRAM, HUTCHINSON TRAVELED TO PROVINCES. IN CAN THO HE ADDRESSED SPECIALLY-ARRANGED GATHERING OF LABOR LEADERS FROM THROUGHOUT DELTA REGION. IN HUE AND DANANG, HUTCH-
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INSON DREW AUDIENCES OF OVER FIFTY TOP COMMUNITY LEADERS. HE

SPOKE ON ROLE OF AMERICAN LABOR IN POLITICAL SYSTEM, POINTING OUT CONSISTENT US LABOR SUPPORT OF VIET-NAM WHICH ELICITED GREAT INTEREST AMONG AUDIENCES. IN DALAT HUTCHINSON SPOKE AND FIELDDED QUESTIONS BEFORE STUDENT BODY OF POLWAR COLLEGE FOLLOWED BY LUNCH WITH PROVINCE AND POLWAR OFFICIALS.

4. RETURNING TO SAIGON, HUTCHINSON ENDED HIS VIET-NAM VISIT WITH A LIVELY SEMINAR FOR 75 BUSINESS AND LABOR LEADERS SPONSORED BY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF VIET-NAM AND LECTURE ON "LABOR IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES" AT UNIVERSITY DISCUSSION CLUB.

5. COMMENT: POST WELL PLEASED BY HUTCHINSON PROGRAM. HE WAS, AS WE HAD HOPED, KNOWLEDGEABLE AND SYMPATHETIC IN HIS CONTACTS WITH VIETNAMESE LABOR LEADERS. ESPECIALLY WITH MINISTER OF LABOR AND PRESIDENT OF CVT HE ESTABLISHED EXCELLENT RAPPORT WHICH MAY FORM BASE FOR LONG-RANGE VIET-NAM PROJECT AT JOHNS HOPKINS WITH BOTH VIETNAMESE AND US LABOR SUPPORT. HE IS ENGAGING AND WELL-INFORMED LECTURER CAPABLE OF ADDRESSING WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES IN LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS. (THROUGHOUT, HUTCHINSON REFUSED TO BE DRAWN INTO SPECULATION ON LOCAL LABOR SITUATION THOUGH HE WAS CONTINUALLY INVITED TO DO SO. HE VIEW, WHICH WE ENDORSE, WAS THAT SPECIFIC LOCAL PROBLEMS REQUIRED LOCAL SOLUTIONS, WHICH HE NOT QUALIFIED TO PROVIDE.) SUGGEST, HOWEVER, THAT DETAILED BRIEFING ON AUDIENCE AND TOPICS BEFORE APPEARANCES WOULD BE USEFUL, SINCE HE HAS SOME TENDENCY TO WANDER OFF COURSE. SOCIAL CONTACTS IN MOST CASES QUITE GOOD, THOUGH AT TIMES HUTCHINSON TENDED TO ASSUME SOMETHING OF A BORED AIR. OVERALL, HE WAS EXCELLENT STAG CHOICE AND EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE IN MEETING EVERY PROGRAM REQUIREMENT. CULPEPPER

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